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EAST CHICAGO, Ind.--The old-time stereotype of a cop is changing. Force is losing out as his number one weapon and being replaced by compassion and understanding.

To help today's police officer cope with these changing ideas regarding modern police procedure, Calumet College offers associate degree and certificate programs in law enforcement within its Division of Continuing Education.

According to Michael Guiden, assistant academic dean and chairman of the Division of Continuing Education, the program attempts to train officers to understand the backgrounds of people in conflict situations, rather than just coming in and using force.

"The approach today is toward the dedicated policeman, and away from the billy-club," Guiden said.

Calumet College was the forerunner for this area in police education, says Kenneth Morrow, coordinator and lecturer in law enforcement. Present enrollment is 267.

"Calumet College actually offered a few experiemental courses in law enforcement as far back as the early 1950s", Morrow explained. "This was long before the government became interested in financing this kind of project."

The program really hit its stride in 1968 and today, is part of a federally-funded program called the Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP).

"In 1968, 25 police officers took part in the program at Calumet College and this past year, 254 policemen took part," he said. "These are people who are going for the associate degrees. Some even go on to get four-year degrees in other areas."

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According to Guiden, many different police and criminal justice departments take part, including seven from Illinois, 26 from Indiana and five federal agencies. Among the departments participating are local and state police, county prosecutors, coroners, agents from the Treasury and Postal Departments, the Federal Port Authority and the U. S. Immigration service.

"Some departments give their officers a pay raise after they complete either a one year certificate program or receive a two-year associate degree." he said.

Morrow said that about 10 police chiefs are either taking part in the program or have graduated.

"We are the largest in-service program of this kind," he said, "in-service meaning a program for men presently serving as police officers as opposed to pre-service training."

Morrow said that the college offers a very flexible program of 10 courses, taught in both afternoon and evening sessions.

"We employ instructors who are working actively in the field of law enforcement or criminal justice, not just theorists," Morrow explained. "We are then able to reach into the problems of Chicago and Northwest Indiana in every one of our courses."

Both Guiden and Morrow see future growth in the Calumet College Law Enforcement program.

"I think it will grow and the federal government will continue to subsidize it," Guiden said. "I hope even more police departments will decide to take part."

He also stated that he hopes to have a course sometime in the future dealing with the police and the Spanish-speaking community.

Morrow also sees future growth, with the program possibly adding a full four-year program and a basic training program in fundamental law enforcement.

If this kind of program continues to be successful, the tough cop who resorts to nothing but authoritarian tactics may go the same way as the tommy-gun.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH MEN PARTICIPATING IN THE CALUMET COLLEGE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM:

ILLINOIS

Chicago Police.	55
Illinois State Police	3
Dolton Police	4
Calumet City Police	2
Lansing Police	2
Cook County Sheriff	3
	69

INDIANA

Hammond Police	25
Gary Police	10
East Chicago Police	40
Hobart Police	12
Chesterton Police	7
Porter County Sheriff	4
Lake County Sheriff	5
Indiana State Police	8
Whiting Police	2
East Gary Police	2
Merrillville Police	4
Munster Police	10
Purdue University Police	3
Indiana University Police . . .	2
Highland Police	8
Griffith Police	5
Lowell Police	2
Crown Point Police	2
Cedar Lake Police	1
New Chicago Police	3
Valparaiso Police	4
	161

FEDERAL AGENCIES

Federal Protection Officer	3
Treasury Department	2
U. S. Postal Department	2
Federal Port Authority	4
U. S. Immigration	2
	13

OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Cook County Prosecutor	2
Lake County Welfare Investigation	5
Lake County Criminal Court Baliff	2
Lake County Coroner	1
Lake County Prosecutor	2
	12

Private Plant Security	12

Total Officers Enrolled	267

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